

## Message Text

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P 161606Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7458

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 6783

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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WHERE DO WE STAND ON POL SECTION STAFFING THIS SUMMER?  
IF BOHLEN IS DEFINITELY OUT, THEN WE WOULD PROPOSE (AS YOU  
KNOW) SMITH TO POL/EXT, HUGHES TO POL/INT (VICE FORD), AND  
NEW ASSIGNMENT TO CONS TO REPLACE SMITH. IF PRESEL LEAVES  
THIS FALL (WHICH AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS ADVISABLE IN VIEW RECENT  
ATTACK), THEN WE SHALL NEED ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE FOR POL/INT.  
WE MAY POSSIBLY HAVE INTERNAL SHIFT TO SUGGEST FOR THIS (VIA  
EXTENSION OF OFFICE NOW ON BOARD WHO DOES NOT YET HAVE FIRM  
ASSIGNMENT) BUT NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH OF THE REST IS JELLING  
BEFORE CONCENTRATING ON PRESEL REPLACEMENT PROBLEM.

2. WE HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN PAST SEVERAL WEEKS  
WITH VISA AUTHORIZATIONS ARRIVING TOO LATE FOR ISSUANCE TO  
MEET ETD'S. THE LAST WEEKLY VISA SUMMARY TELEGRAM  
(STATE 107540 DATED MAY 11) INDICATED THAT 8 AUTHORIZATIONS  
HAD BEEN SENT ON MAY 11; HOWEVER, THEY WERE NOT RECEIVED  
UNTIL MAY 14, 2130 LOCAL TIME, WITH ONE EXCEPTION (STATE  
107629) SENT PRIORITY, WHICH ARRIVED MAY 13, 2240 LOCAL TIME.  
FOLLOWING ARE TELEGRAM NUMBERS FOR THESE VISA AUTHORIZATIONS:  
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STATE 108853

STATE 108998

STATE 108511

STATE 108627

STATE 108548

STATE 108510

STATE 108099

STATE 108513

3. WE CANNOT ISSUE VISAS BASED ON SUMMARY TELEGRAM, SINCE  
AUTHORIZATION STAY OCCASIONALLY VARIES DRASTICALLY FROM STAY  
REQUESTED. SUMMARY TELEGRAM HAS GREATLY IMPROVED EMBASSY'S  
ABILITY TO STRAIGHTEN OUT PROBLEMS OF NON-SUPPORT AND POSTPONE-  
MENTS, WHICH WAS THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE. HOWEVER, WE NOW NEED  
YOUR ASSISTANCE TO EXPEDITE ROUTINE VISA AUTHORIZATIONS SO  
THAT THEY ARRIVE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY EACH WEEK.  
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